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The Bad Bug Conspiracy Part 2

The Ultraverse monks have protected the Ultraverse for generations from all kinds of threats that penetrate the Ultraverse and attack the universes of the Ultraverse. A war has started between the Bad Bugs and the monks and the monks have won their first real victory against the Bad Bugs. The new monk, Keith has introduced various forms of technology to the Ultraverse monks. They use the new technology to fight against the Bad Bugs. The monks have built air and space fighters and large transport ships to dispatch large quantities of monks to the various battlefields in various different universes. Bad Bugs are becoming more elaborate too. The are getting better at hiding in walls and they jump out and attack the monks. They don't take prisoners this time. The Bad Bugs are lead by an evil Magister that lives in an unknown mansion in an unknown reach of an unknown universe. Keith, and his fellow monks, Jacob, and Roswell have been travelling all over the Ultraverse to fight in battles against the Bad Bugs. Most of the battles have been wins but the Bad Bugs still pose a serious threat to the Ultraverse.

Keith and Jacob are in a busy city that is infested with Bad Bugs. Keith and Jacob fight against the Bad Bugs. The Bad Bugs drive large tanks. They destroy several monk drop ships and they shoot down monk fighters. Keith and Jacob use an invention Keith made that is a gun that shoots out a large blue blast. The blue blast disables the tanks. Keith and Jacob disable a tank each. Keith and Jacob jump into a tank and they fight off the Bad Bugs and they take control of the tanks. They drive the tanks down the Bad Bug occupied city. The Bad Bugs send out more tanks. Keith and Jacob open fire on the tanks and they destroy a lot of the tanks. Jacob's tank gets shot up. The tank explodes and Jacob jumps out the top and lands on Keith's tank. Jacob jumps in. Keith said, "There are too many of them. Have you called for reinforcements?" Jacob said, "I will get to that." Jacob pulls out a cellphone and he flips it open. Jacob calls for reinforcements. The tank gets shot up to a point where it doesn't function anymore and it is going to explode. Keith and Jacob jump out of the tank but they are surrounded by legions of Bad Bugs in tanks. Keith and Jacob draw out their swords. The top of a tank opens and a Bad Bug colonel reveals himself. He said, "Keith, I presume. You are outnumbered. You have been cut off from your fellow monks. You shall give up now and we can discuss the terms of your surrender." Keith said, "We monks never surrender to terrorists." The colonel laughs and he said, "We are not terrorists. We are just fighting to restore and retake what is rightfully ours. Don't you get it?" Keith gives the colonel a stern look. Then, a plasma blast hits the tank the colonel is in and it erupts into flames. All the tanks erupt into flames. Roswell stands at

the command center of a monk battle transport. The battle transport orbits around the battleground and it picks off the Bad Bug tanks. Some remaining Bad Bugs come out and they hold a white flag.

Keith and Jacob return to the main camp. Roswell said, “You two were really outstanding. People are going to write novels about you in the future. Those novels may very well end up on the shelves of the Ultraverse library.” Keith said, “That’s a nice thought but we have serious business to discuss. Do you have the new communication system I introduced to you?” Roswell said, “I will bring it out.” Roswell brings out a portable TV and it turns on and President and Grand Master Monk Feistar appears on the screen. Feistar said, “Commander Keith. How did the assault go?” Keith said, “We got pinned down and lost some people but we did win in the end. They lost much more than we did.” Feistar said, “That’s good. Look, I advise against returning to the main Ultraverse Monastery for the next bit.” Keith, Jacob, and Roswell give concerned looks. Keith said, “What’s the danger?” Feistar said, “We have been using larger monk transports thanks to your technology and inventions but the problem is that they are a bigger target for our enemy when they are being transported. We lost a few of them when they were returning from victories in faraway universes. I don’t want you to be among them. I order you and your close allies to stay here for the time being. I will give you further orders when we have updates.” The transmission ends and the Ultraverse flag is displayed on the TV.

Keith said, “It looks like we’re stuck here for the time being.” Roswell said, “I hope you brought a book. If not, that is fine since I brought some books.” Jacob said, “What about that thing you showed us, broadcast television or something.” Roswell said, “I think I read about that once in one of my books. I never thought I would see it in real life.” Keith said, “There are better things to do than watch TV.” Jacob said, “I hear the news comes on and they may have entertaining things.” Roswell said, “Get us something, Keith.” Keith said, “Okay, fine.” Keith tunes the TV and it picks up hundreds of signals from all over the Ultraverse. It shows some sappy show and then it shows George Ferrier reporting on stock prices. Then it shows the palace the Bad Bug Magister lives at. Roswell said, “Stop here. That palace is in my universe. I remember when they built that mansion. It was a big deal.” The TV shows the Bad Bug Magister lying on a bed and drinking a luxurious drink. The Magister said, “This is what it is like to live like a true Bad Bug. You can donate and join our cause so we can all live as I do.” Keith said, “You know where that palace is?” Roswell said, “It is located in universe C-912.” Keith said, “I hope you are sure of this.”

At the main Ultraverse Monk Monastery, Grand Master Feistar watches over a holographic map of the Ultraverse. Grand Master Feistar said, “I can view the specific

reported progress from our forces. It appears as if we are winning by a paper-thin margin. That is not good enough. I wonder how the progress is going on those Bad Bug detectors." Master Feistar pays a visit to the new engineering lab at the monastery. Monks work on new inventions introduced to them by Keith. Feistar inspects the production line. Feistar sees monks working on Bad Bug detectors. Feistar said, "How are those detectors coming?" One of the engineering monks said, "They are coming out fine. I don't think they are fully calibrated yet. I also think I need to turn down the sensitivity on them. They say there are Bad Bugs crowding the vicinity of this monastery. Feistar said, "I wonder." Feistar grabs the Bad Bug detector and he holds it up to a wall. The detector indicates Bad Bug activity. Feistar punches into the wall and pulls out a Bad Bug. Several Bad Bugs are hiding in the walls and they have recording equipment recording everything going on in the engineering lab. Feistar yells, "INTRUDERS!" Monks grab out their swords and other gadgets. The Bad Bugs pour in and they pick a fight with the monks. A monk uses his sword and he slashes down two of the Bad Bugs. Another monk uses a taser and he tases a Bad Bug. Then that monk gets pummeled down by a small group of Bad Bugs. Grand Master Feistar and Master Augi stand next to each other with their swords drawn.

One Bad Bug sneaks behind Feistar and Augi and he pushes them down. Feistar drops the detector and it slides to the monk, Safron. Safron picks up the detector. Her cellphone rings. Safron answers it and it says, "Safron. This is your father. My sources tell me the main monastery is under attack." Safron said, "That's kind of obvious." Mystika said, "Safron. I need you to grab a cloaking device and some of those Bad Bug protectors. I need you to come with me in my own transport I have docked near the monastery. We have urgent business to take care of." Safron finds a cloaking device in the carnage and she grabs some more detectors and escapes the room unnoticed. Safron gets out on the street and spots the transport and Mystika is at the controls. Safron gets in the transport. Mystika said, "Glad you made it. We need to find Keith and his platoon. I have his coordinates written here." Mystika and Safron take off in the generic transport.

Feistar and Augi put up a big showdown against the Bad Bugs. They destroy a lot of them and they leave very few remaining. Feistar grabs onto one of the remaining ones and he holds his sword up to the throat of the Bad Bug. Feistar said, "You are going to tell me where your base is." The remaining Bad Bugs try to leave the lab and Augi presses a button on the wall and the doors lock so they cannot get out. Feistar said, "Tell us." The Bad Bug said, "The Magister is the most luxurious thing in known existence. I must keep it that way at all costs." Feistar said, "Is there anything useful you can offer?" The Bad Bugs said, "Screw you!" Feistar chokes the Bad Bug and he drops it. Feistar said, "Maybe you guys can offer us something?"

Mystika and Safron arrive at the universe Keith, Jacob, and Roswell are stationed at. Keith, Jacob, and Roswell hang around the platoon with other platoon members. Jacob said, “It has been a few days and we have not heard anything from Feistar or Augi. I try to call them with this cellphone and no one answers.” Mystika and Safron enter the scene and Safron said, “Our monastery was bum rushed.” Everyone raises an eyebrow. Safron said, “The Bad Bugs have been hiding in our walls and they told everything they recorded to their Magister. We are doomed. We may be all that is left of the monks. I am genuinely scarred. Keith, we have to do something.” Mystika said, “You guys are our last hope. We just need to know where the Bad Bug Magister is. We can easily get to his place unnoticed since we have an experimental cloaking device and a generic transport that will not be on any of their radars.” Keith said, “We are in luck. Roswell knows where the Magister is located.” Safron said, “We also have some of those Bad Bug detectors.” Keith said, “I think we have a chance against this Magister.” Roswell said, “It looks like we’re back in business.”

The monks pile into the transport with the cloaking device and they head off and Roswell enters the necessary coordinates. They fly through interuniversal subspace and they arrive at the desired universe. Mystika is flying the transport and the eyes go big on all the monks when they see the Bad Bug home world. It looks like an ancient civilization that is all in ruins. It also looks void of life. They come across the palace and the palace is like a city of its own. Bad Bugs and other people and things work in dead-end jobs and they all look poor. The city looks very rich and smooth and shiny. Keith said, “This looks like the poorest rich place or the richest poor place imaginable.”

A turret is activated and it starts shooting at the transport. Keith said, “The cloak is malfunctioning and they can see us.” Mystika said, “At least we made it this far. I am going to land this thing and we will pile out.” Keith said, “Is that the best plan you have in mind?” Mystika said, “We are in a crisis. We have no choice. We must defend this transport at all costs.” All the monks pile out fully armed with their swords. They fight the Bad Bug defenses. Roswell and Safron stay close to the transport with Mystika. Mystika takes out a blaster that fires an electronic blast and it makes a lot of Bad Bugs scurry away from the transport. Keith and Jacob go with a group of monks and they head for the main tower of the palace. They see it is guarded by an electrified door. Keith looks at the monks and he said, “Remember the first thing I invented for you monks?” Keith shows the rubber grips on their swords. Keith cuts down the door and they pile in on the first floor.

The first floor is dark and there are blue squares that slowly fly around. Jacob said, “Where are we supposed to go?” Keith said, “It is dark. They like it dark. They have senses we don’t have that guides them through this darkness. There may be a way to navigate based on the movements of these squares.” Jacob said, “Or we can just use our Bad Bugs detectors.” Keith takes his out and he said, “I’m with you. Be ready for anything.” Keith and Jacob use their detectors and they find another room that serves as a staircase. It is still black with slow flying squares. Keith and Jacob walk up the stairs. Jacob rubs his hands against the wall. Jacob said, “There seems to be a wall here and…” Jacob hits a trigger point on the wall and he falls through a door. Keith reaches his hand out and he sees his detector is not indicating any Bad Bug activity in the hidden trap. Keith turns the detector back the way he was going and it indicates activity. Some monks are still behind Keith.

Keith finds a door with a metal lever and he pulls it and a trap door closes behind Keith and he is brought out into an orange, brown, and shiny room filled with all kinds of ancient valuables. The Magister sits in a luxury seat near the back of the room. The Magister said, “You are the stubborn fool they call, Keith. You think you are a prince since you come from a rich background in your universe. I tell you that you are none of that in this one or any other one. You are worth the same as dirt.” Keith grips onto his sword. Keith said, “It is not worth negotiating with a low-life species that doesn’t care about anything but itself.” The Magister calls for guards and much larger than normal Bad Bugs come out dressed in red armor. Keith takes out his cellphone and he gets no signal. The Magister said, “This place is locked. There is no way signals can get through. That wall is also magnetically sealed. Your monk friends have no way of getting in here.” The large Bad Bugs engage Keith and they beat up Keith. Keith uses his sword and he scratches their armor but it does nothing to the Bad Bugs. The Bad Bugs grab onto Keith and they swing him around and they smash his head into the ground. Keith kicks one of them in the face and he spins and kicks more of them but it sends them back a little bit and still doesn’t do anything.

Jacob goes through the dark passage and he ends up in a dimly lit prison where everything is black with neon blue outlines. Jacob hears voices of people in a prison. The president said, “Monks! Are you a monk?” Jacob said, “Sworn to protect the innocent of the Ultraverse.” The president said, “I am the president of the Ultraverse. I was brought here so long ago I don’t remember anything. All of the other congress members are here too.” Jacob said, “How do I free you?” The president said, “How am I supposed to know that?” Jacob said, “Right.” Jacob rubs his hands against walls. Jacob finds an old-fashioned doorknob and he opens it and it reveals a control room. There are some Bad Bugs working the controls. Jacob fights them off and he takes over the controls. Jacob flicks some switches and the lights come on and the palace is fully luminated. Jacob flicks more switches and the prison cells are open freeing the

prisoners. Jacob finds additional switches. He flicks other switches and all the systems in the palace shut off. Keith is being beaten to death by a group of highly powered Bad Bugs. The magnetically sealed door opens and all the monks pour in. They fight the Bad Bugs. They jump on the Bad Bugs and fight them and they bring them down. Keith regains his sword and he goes for the Magister. The large Bad Bugs stop Keith and they push him off. Keith tries using his sword and he is pushed off. All the other monks are busy fighting the other Bad Bugs.

Keith sees a vent cover on the wall. He sees Jacob is in the vent. Jacob quietly opens the vent and he quickly jumps out armed with his sword. He zips behind the Magister and he cuts the Magister in half and the backrest of his chair comes with this upper half. The Magister smiles and he said, “Oh how funny all this is.” The Bad Bug still smiles even though he is dead. The other Bad Bugs are still fighting. Keith said, “Thanks Jacob. You got me out of that one.” Jacob said, “Was that the ‘Magister’ we’ve been hearing about?” Keith said, “I think that was.” Jacob said, “I killed the Bad Bug Magister. I must be a hero.” Keith said, “We are all heroes.” Jacob said, “These Bad Bugs must be pretty bent on winning if they are still fighting even though their Magister is dead.” Keith said, “I have an idea.” Keith grabs his cellphone.

Mystika takes off in the transport and he makes it orbit the palace. Mystika fires a harpoon gun into the palace and is breaks through a window. Mystika slides on the wire and he jumps in and he fires a blast and it makes all the Bad Bugs back off. Mystika said, “Come with me. Let’s get out of here.” Keith, Jacob, and all the monks crawl on the wire and they return to Mystika’s transport.

Everyone is present on the transport including, the congress members and the president. Some of the monks crowd around Mystika and he holds an ancient book with a yin-yang on the front cover. Mystika said, “This is the book about the prophesied yin-yang chosen one. Ancient people believed that the future which is now will be engulfed in great conflict. They also believed that a great hero will emerge and destroy the ultimate evil ending true organized evil in the main Ultraverse.” Keith said, “What is this organized evil? It is the Bad Bugs?” Mystika said, “No. It is an evil greater than anything imaginable. It is an evil that will cause catastrophic damage to all the universes in the Ultraverse. It will bring mayhem and doom to almost all the citizens of all the universes. This book does not say much about the ultimate evil. It talks more about the prophesized yin-yang chosen one.” Keith said, “Who is this, yin-yang chosen one? Could he be, me or Jacob?” Mystika said, “The yin-yang chosen one is obsessed with the yin-yang to a point where he always wears something that sports the symbol. He also looks like this.” Mystika shows an ancient illustration in the book and it is a picture of some young guy with a weird spikey hairstyle and wears a shirt with the yin-

yang on it. Keith said, “That is definitely not me nor Jacob.” Safron looks at the illustration and her eyes turn to hearts. Mystika said, “We don’t know where this yin-yang chosen one comes from but we must find him and make him one of us monks. We must find him before this evil emerges.”